All India Handloom Fabrics Cooperative Marketing Society Limited Delhi

3480. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Handloom Fabrics Cooperative Marketing Society Limited, Delhi owes crores of rupees to its members against the cloth procured from them.

(b) if so, what is the amount due by the Society to its members;

(c) by when the dues would be cleared by the Society.

(d) what is the credit sanctioned to the Society by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development; and

(e) what are the guidelines for sanction of marketing assistance for sale of the products by the Society?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (e) The turn-over of "All India Handloom Fabrics Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd." according to them, is estimated to be approximately to the tune of Rs. 100 crores during 1994-95. As the procurement of goods from the Member Cooperative Societies and release of payments to them are continuous process, there is always a time gap between the two. The Society has informed that it is due to make payment to the extent of Rs. 7.00 crores to its Members (in respect of Inland Depots) for the period upto January, 1995. The Society is not availing any credit facility from NABARD from the year 1993 onwards. With the assistance received from the Central Government under MDA Scheme and with its own resources, the Society is trying to clear the payment due to its Members.

In regard to Market Development Assistance, the Society has elected options linked to its turn-over which is ocmputed @ 8 per cent of average sales turn-over of handloom fabrics, made-ups and garments (excluding Janata Cloth) as shown in the audited accounts for three years preceeding the financial year, the grant of assistance for which is under consideration.

Export of handicraft items

3481 SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total value of handicraft items exported to different foreign countries and the amount of foreign exchange earned from these countries during the last two years; year-wise and country-wise; and

(b) the plan of Government to increase the export of handicraft items during the current financial year and in the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY): (a) The total value of handicrafts items exported to different major countries and the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last two years is as per statement attached. (*See* below)

(b) The Government has planned to achieve a growth rate of 20 per cent (in US dollar terms) in export of handicrafts including handknotted carpets during the next two years i.e.,